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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: REQUEST FOR MULTILATERAL INFORMATION

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1. BELGIUM IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF NATO, THE EC, IMF, IEA, GATT, OECD, IBRD, UN, AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. BELGIUM IS DEEPLY ENGAGED IN MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS WITH A HIGH DEGREE OF SOPHISTICATION AND EXPERTISE.

2. A MAJOR PART OF THE EMBASSY'S TIME AND ENERGY IS DEVOTED TO WORKING WITH THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT ON MULTILATERAL QUESTIONS. EVERY SUBSTANTIVE OFFICER IS ENGAGED IN SOME DEGREE IN MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS. COORDINATION OF THE EMBASSY'S ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD IS DONE BY THE DCM. THE APPOINTMENT OF A SUBORDINATE OFFICER AS MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS OFFICER IS NEITHER NECESSARY NOR DESIRABLE.

3. HERE ARE OUR REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONS POSED IN PARAGRAPH
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(A) THE TWO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF PRIMARY INTEREST TO BELGIUM ARE NATO AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. BELGIUM'S PRIMARY FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES HERE ARE TO STEP UP MOVEMENT TOWARD WESTERN EUROPE UNITY (SEE THE JUST-ISSUED WISE MAN REPORT OF PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS) AND TO KEEP VIABLE THE ATLANTIC COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM ESTABLISHED BY NATO. BELGIUM WANTS A STABLE INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT AND THE ABSENCE OF ARMED CONFLICT. IT IS AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE UN. BELGIUM WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE PROGRESS TOWARD A MORE EFFECTIVE MONETARY SYSTEM, BETTER COORDINATION OF ECONOMIC POLICIES, AND MORE ACTIVE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. IT HOPES FOR COORDINATED EFFORT TO AID ZAIRE AND LIMIT THE ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES OF THE ANGOLA DEVELOPMENT. IT FAVORS CLOSER COOPERATION IN THE IEA AND AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE.

(B) BELGIUM IS ONE OF THE MORE ASSIDUOUS STRIVERS FOR COMMON POSITIONS OF NATO AND EC MEMBER STATES ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN. HENCE IT IS SUSCEPTIBLE TO INFLUENCE FROM NATO AND EC COUNTRIES AND, IN TURN, IS AN ACTIVE PROSELYTER AMONG ITS PARTNERS. BELGIUM IS MOST INTERESTED IN THE FOREIGN POLICY VIEWS OF THE UNITED STATES, GERMANY, FRANCE, THE UK, AND THE NETHERLANDS.

(C) YES. YES. YES.

(D) NO. BELGIUM RUNS A TAUT SHIP WITH RESPECT TO FOREIGN-POLICY DECISION-MAKING.

(E) YES. NO. YES, BUT BELGIUM IS FREQUENTLY WILLING AND ABLE TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH US DECISION-MAKERS ON MULTILATERAL MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO IT. RENNER

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